Action against exporters flouting ban on dal export

3694. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics have been regularly updating the Government on pulses being shipped out during the ban period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government had taken against the exporters who had flouted the ban on the export of dal, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics brings out after a time lag of about six months and makes available regularly on monthly basis the publication 'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India; Volume-I (Exports)' that gives item-wise details of export.

(c) The Central Bureau of Investigation has registered FIR against the firms namely (1) M/s Kohinoor Foods Ltd. (formerly M/s Satnam Overseas Ltd.), New Delhi (2) M/s Jet King International, New Delhi and (3) M/s KRBL Ltd., Delhi. Show Cause Notices were issued to these firms by Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) for suspension of IEC.

Withdrawal of Government in acquisition of land for SEZs

3695. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government under their new policy, have decided to withdraw from the process of acquiring land for SEZs;

(b) whether Government have issued any directions to State Governments in this regard;

(c) if so, how many proposals have been notified/cleared State-wise and location-wise, till date;

(d) what is the minimum processing area limit in case of multi-product

SEZs as well as SEZs pertaining specifically to Information Technology, gems and jewellery; and

(e) whether any assessment has been made that if approved SEZs become operative what would be the quantum of money, the Centre will be losing in providing all types of concession to SEZs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Various issues concerning the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) Policy have been considered by the Government and it has been decided that the pending applications for SEZs may be processed for in principle & formal approvals and notifications subject to the condition that the State Governments would not undertake any compulsory acquisition of land for such SEZs.

(b) Decisions of the Government on various issues have been brought to the notice of the members of the SEZ Board of Approval where the State Governments are also represented.

(c) After the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 and the Special Economic Zones Rules were operationalised with effect from 10th February 2006, 237 formal approvals have been granted of which three proposals have since been withdrawn/cancelled. Out of the 234 valid formal approvals, 101 SEZs have been notified. State-wise details of the formally approved SEZs and those notified are as follows:—

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	Formal approvals granted	SEZs notified under the SEZ Act, 2005
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	44	26
2	Chandigarh	2	1
3	Delhi	1	-
4	Goa	4	1
5	Gujarat	19	7
6	Haryana	19	7
7	Jharkhand	1	1
8	Karnataka	27	14

1	2	3	4
9	Kerala	10	6
10	Madhya Pradesh	4	2
11	Maharashtra	47	13
12	Orissa	5	-
13	Puducherry	1	-
14	Punjab	4	2
15	Rajasthan	3	1
16	Tamil Nadu	25	16
17	Uttaranchal	3	-
18	Uttar Pradesh	8	3
19	West Bengal	7	1
	TOTAL:	234	101

(d) It has since been decided to fix the minimum processing area limit uniformly at 50% for multi product SEZs as well as sector specific SEZs. In the case of Information Technology and Gems & Jewellery there is additional requirement of creating minimum built up processing area of 100,000 sq.m and 50,000 sq.m respectively.

(e) The quantum of exemptions and incentives is dependent on the investments and the export profits which cannot be estimated at this stage. The benefits derived from multiplier effect of the investments and additional economic activity in the SEZs and the employment generated will far outweigh the tax exemptions.

Aircraft without Electronic Warfare System

3696. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 10 aircrafts were manufactured and delivered without Electronic Warfare System, on account of delay in finalizing the contract relating to Electronic Warfare System;